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The Church and Field.

Bro. S. W. Wilt begins a protracted meeting in West Virginia to day.

Bro. Garber paid a visit to his home in Bellville, Ohio, last Saturday, returning on Monday.

Bro. Michael's correspondence was crowded out last week after we had given it editorial notice.

Bro. Mallott was at Rosstown last Sunday a week ago, preaching the Gospel, and baptizing. We did not learn the number of baptisms.

Bro. John Nicholson of Hudson, Iowa, sends us subscribers and words of encouragement. He has bright hopes for the future of the Cause at Hudson.

Bro. J. P. Martin sends us about a dozen of one-page essays. He will have the satisfaction of giving weekly instructions to our readers all summer.

The Dayton *Daily Journal* announces preaching in the Brethren church at the corner of Jackson and Van Buren Sts., at 80:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., durthe summer.

The obituary of sister Shook is a clipping from a Kansas paper which was sent to us for publication in the EVANGELIST by Eld. C. Forney who had been telegraphed for to preach the funeral, but could not go on account of other appointments.

Elder Bashor, commences a protracted meeting at Hudson, Iowa, May 16. We are glad to hear this announcement. We wish we could chronicle additional similar announcements. Are there any standing around idle? "Go work in my vineyard, says the Savior."

Elder S. T. Bosserman has moved from Keuta, Fla., back to his former home, Dunkirk, Ohio, and has ordered his paper changed accordingly. We are glad to hear that brother Bosserman has been improved in health by his sojourn in the sunny South.

We are informed that "The Northern Illinois Element," as they call it out there, expelled a half-dozen of members from the G. B. church, at Sabetha Kansas, lately. Cause violation of Annual Meeting regulations. Now this trouble evidently comes from the influence exerted by the *Gospel Messenger*. Just as long as their church organ has one mind and the other element another, there will be trouble. All should have one mind and speak the same thing.

By referring to the correspondence column our readers will notice that the Brethren cause has been reinforced by the accession of forty members from the German Baptist ranks, and five additions by baptism, in Old Virginia. This is a kind of church news that the *Gospel Messenger* does not "boast" of.

The Pittsburg Commercial announces the startling news that that Mrs. Lottie Brinkworth wife of Eld. Brinkworth of the G. B. church, and post mistress at Maria, Pa., has been arrested upon a charge of tampering with registered letters containing money. Many of our readers will remember this woman as the Lottie Kettering who, a few years ago, assailed elder Bashor, through the public press, for his departure from orthodoxy (Annual Meeting) in refusing to teach that we must let our light shine by wearing a peculiar style of clothes. The government claims to have conclusive evidence of her guilt. The penalty for such offenses is quite severe.

MORRILL, KANS., Apr. 27, 1885. —Please announce through your paper that the brethren of Pony Creek, Brown county, Kansas; will hold their Feast, May, 23. JNO. H. BURNWORTH.

SOUTH HAVEN, KAN.— If the Lord will, the Brethren church at this place will hold a lovefeast on the first Saturday in June, commencing in the evening early. D. HARADER.

WILLIAMS Co., O., April 27.— Five were added by baptism, one reclaimed, and more will surely follow. Four of our brethren moved to Kansas this Spring. I expect to increase your subscription list from this place.

D. M. RITTENHOUSE.

Middletown, Va., Apr. 27th. This church, known as the Salem congregation, consisted of about sixty members. The minority wanted to enforce the Annual Meeting rules but the majority wanted the Gospel alone.

So we organized on that platform with forty members. Bro. E. B. Shaver was with us at the time of organization and has been with us once since. At the last meeting three were baptized, and there are two more applicants for baptism. Bro. Shaver is a good evangelist, and our prayer is, that the Lord may spare him many years, that he may do much good in the Master's cause. Yours in hope of eternal life.

JACOB C. RINKES.

WARRIOR'S MARK, PA., April. —Allow me to give you a few items of church news from this place. We are still moving along in the Master's cause. On April 25, Bro. J. W. Smouse of Henrietta, Pa., came and remained until Monday, 27th. Preached three sermons; and we were made to rejoice and take courage afresh when he so earnestly and ably expounded unto us the Gospel of Christ; portraying to us all the beauties of heaven. The immediate results were three additions; two by baptism and one by relation, with impressions that we think will ere long bear fruit. Bro. Smouse will be back in four weeks to give us a few sermons on Church government, and we hope it may be conducive of much good. IDA M. GRAZIER.

LAWRENCE, KANS., April 21.— I am at home again after five weeks' work hunting sheep that were scattered, filling calls here and there, and visiting many of them in their homes in Franklin, Miami and Johnson counties, and doing in the meantime quite a good deal of walking, in the absence of railroads, having walked twenty miles one day and eighteen another, besides a number of shorter trips, which was quite enough for me with my three score years. But the cause of the Master is the great stimulus to action, and He is a present help in every time of need.

Among those visited were quite a number who had grown distrustful of their leaders, thinking they were being led into more creed than Bible, some of them having been disowned because their coat was not cut quite to suit the fancy of some supercilious elders. Some had been expelled because their hair was not parted exactly at the right place on the head; others because they would not don the plain cap; others were summoned up to trial, not knowing as yet what terrible doom awaited them. Much consternation prevails, and they are calling for help from every point of the compass, and indeed the harvest is great and laborers few. Oh, where are the mighty men of war,—a Wrightsman, a Davis, a Worst, and a host of others? for there is commotion and terror in the offensive, and it takes much hard work to sustain our noble cause against such great odds. But thank God it is gaining ground, for so soon as a way is opened for their escape (and we have endeavored to make a way) many declare their determination to join the Brethren. Some wish to visit Lawrence in the near future and be baptized here and belong to the church at this place till such time as they can be organized, for their isolated condition forbids it at present. I found quite a number that were so dismayed and discouraged that they hardly knew what course to take for fear of greater difficulties, having heard such unfavorable reports of the Progressives from the opposition. I advised all to investigate thoroughly, take the EVANGELIST, do all their own reading and thinking, and choose the better way and take the Bible for their counsel. JOHN MICHAEL.

From North Liberty, O.

Our meetings closed amid unfavorable weather and much sickness in our community. We should have held them earlier in the season: however, the result is gratifying to us, and I think ere another year rolls around, more of our dear friends will seek fellowship with the Lord's people here. Bro. Swihart was too long in getting here for us to use him much. Our people were tired out and Bro. S. after giving us a few well prepared discourses upon the Kingdom of grace, took his leave. Come again brother Jonathan when it shall be well with thee.

We shall reorganize our Sabbath school soon, and by the way, I have watched the Youth's Department of the EVANGELIST for a long time to see letters from our S. S. scholars of the North Liberty Church, and as I have not been gratified with the reading of any, I want to say, it is not because we have no scholars who can write, but they do not seem to understand that they are welcome to a place in the EVANGELIST as well as others. And now I propose to make a draft, and if the few drafted this time will respond; I hope the others will volunteer, if not I shall draft again. Let us hear from Miss Etta Crunkleton, Carrie Kunkle, Sarah Ruby, and Charley Leedy. Tell the readers something about our Sunday school lessons, &c. &c.

Our lovefeast will be held in the North Liberty meeting house Thursday eve., June 4th. Please note this all ye brethren and sisters who can possibly meet with us. Conveyances will meet trains at Independence on Thursday 6 A. M., 11 A. M., and 3 P. M.

I recently visited the brethren in Perry Co., Ohio; we had very pleasant meetings. Assisted them in organizing a Sabbath school. Bro. Aaron Hoover was elected Superintendent; sister Deffenbaugh, Assistant Superintendent; brother David Helser Secretary. He gathered the little boys and girls into the front pews and had a lively song service before preaching on Sabbath evening. The brethren there have a bright band of children to work with them in Sabbath school. I received a telegram next day after my return, to return to Perry county, to preach the funeral of Bro. Wm. Leach. He is a brother of sister Hattie Leach whose triumphant death was chronicled in the EVANGELIST last Nov. Brother Leach was in his thirtieth year; a very large congregation gathered to pay their respects to his memory. He leaves a wife to whom he had been married but 18 months. Sad indeed! but glorious hope of a life in Christ! Disease, Consumption.

We have laid to rest in the dark chambers of death, several of our friends and neighbors (which at the proper time should have been reported for the obituary department) since I last wrote for your columns, but although late and not in proper place, we must mention the death of father Anthony Stahl in his 69th year. He was a member of the Lutheran church for 32 years; and a very warm friend to the Brethren church. His seat that was so faithfully filled in our church since my ministration, is vacant. But his words of encouragement still live. Next that we shall notice is the sad death of Bro. Isaac Garber's wife. Bro. Garber had been married but four months, and had just gone to house keeping a few days, when death came to his happy home, and took his fair helpmeet. She was in her 26th year.

Next we name the death of our esteemed friend, Franklin Beal; aged over 45 years. Mr. Beal was among the best citizens of our congregation, as a father to his children, a husband to his wife, and a neighbor in his community in general. He had, we are told, named the time to unite with the church, which of course was yet in the future; but ere that time came, was removed from earth.

Solemn responsibility to us is involved in the voice of inspiration which whispers into the ears of the unsaved, "To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Brethren, sound this truth with burning tenderness. Let souls hear the message of eternal life in Christ their Lord.

R. F. MALLOTT.

The Brethren Sunday School Convention of Northern Ohio,

Will convene at Fair Haven Church, one mile north of Lattasburgh, in Wayne Co., May, 29, 1885.

PROGRAM.

FIRST SESSION, 2 P. M.

1. Devotional Exercises, time 15 m.
2. Address of Welcome, Wm. Kiefer, 20 m.
3. Response, R. F. Mallott, 15 m.
4. Music, 5 m.
5. Reading history of previous S. S. Conventions in Northern Ohio, A. L. Garber, 30 m
6. Music, 5 m.
7. Are S. S. Conventions auxiliary in advancing the S. S. Cause? H. R. Holsinger, A. A. Cober.
8. Appointment of Committees, Music 5 m. Adjournment at 4 P. M. Length of Session 2 hours.

SECOND SESSION, 7 30, P. M.

1. Music, 5 m.
2. What are the best methods of entertaining Children in S. S.? I. Kilhefner, W. C. Perry. 25 m.
3. Music, 10 m.
4. Music in the Sunday School, H. S. Jacobs, Isaac Leedy.
5. Music, 5 m.
6. Assignment of Queries, 5 m.
7. Closing—Music and Prayer, 10 m.

Length of Session 1½ hours.

THIRD SESSION, MAY, 30, 9 A. M.

1. Devotional Services, 10 m.
2. Answers to Queries, 30 m.
3. Music, 5 m.
4. Essay, What Can *I* Do? Susan Homan, 10 m.
5. Best Method of Teaching children who cannot read, B. F. Swinehart, Sarah Keim, 20 m.
6. Music, 10 m.
7. How Can We secure the best Attendance at the S. S.? E. Mason, Mrs. W. C. Perry, 25 m.
8. Assignment of Queries, 5 m.
9. Music and adjournment, 10 m.

Length of Session 2 hours.

FOURTH SESSION, 2 P. M.

1. Music, 5 m.
2. Answers to Queries, 30 m.
3. Music, 5 m.
4. Dialogistic Declamation, C. A. Miller, Ida Shidler, Clara Underwood, Sadie Farmer. Subject, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" time 25 m.
5. Music, 5 m.
6. Responsibilities of S. S. officers, J. Keim, I. Ross.
7. Miscellaneous business, 20 m.
8. Assignment of Queries, 5 m.
9. Music and prayer, 10 m.

Length of Session, 2 hours and 10 min.

FIFTH SESSION, 7 30, P. M.

1. Music, 10 m.
2. Answers to Queries, 20 m.
3. Our Progress in S. S. Work, E. L. Yoder, P. J. Brown, 30 m.
4. Music 5 m.
5. Essay, The Outlook, Lottie Holsinger, 10 m.
6. General Remarks and Closing Exercises, 15 m.

Length of Session, 1½ hours.

SIXTH SESSION, MAY 31, 9 A. M.

1. Children's Meeting to be conducted by Eld. H. R. Holsinger—time 1½ hours.
2. Sermon by R. F. Mallott, 45 m.

Music will be conducted by Prof. Ward of Ashland College, assisted by Jas. Troxel of Lattasburgh. The Brethren Hymnody will be used and singing as a rule, will be congregational.

A cordial invitation is extended to our brethren, sisters and friends in Northern Ohio, and elsewhere.

We anticipate a happy time—a kind of a reunion, a heart-invigorating devotion, and soul cheering song service—and may God have all the glory.

E. L. YODER, R. F. MALLOTT. I. ROSS, B. F. SWINEHART, P. J. BROWN, } Ex. Com

A. L. GARBER, Sec'y.

P. J. BROWN, WM. KIEFER, B. F. SWINEHART, D. J MILES, } Com. of Arrag'mnt

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DIED.

SHOOK.—Elizabeth A. Whitenight was born in Columbia county, Pa., 1829, married Daniel Shook Sept. 7th, 1846; moved to Chickasaw county, Iowa, 1856, to Louisana 1859, to St. Louis, Mo., 1860, to Davenport. Iowa, 1861, to Marble Rock, Iowa. 1865, to Osborne county, Kan., 1872. Seven of her thirteen children are now living and were with her in her last illness. Shortly before her death she called her family to her bedside requesting them all to live christian lives and meet her in heaven. She bade them all farewell expressed herself ready and willing to go, knowing she had "fought a good fight." She had been a member of the church of the Dunkark brethren since 1849. Funeral services took place at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. Brumbaugh, of Portis. The attendance was very large, and the bereaved husband has the sympathy of a very large circle of friends.

Lines on the death of Elizabeth A. Shook, died April 19, 1885, in Downs, Osborne Co., Kan., aged 55 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Weep not for me companion dear,
You know how I did suffer here;
You know that I endured much pain,
And that your loss is my great gain,

'Tis true I've left you here to mourn,
And never shall to you return,
If you are faithful to the end,
The God of love will be your friend,

And in the resurrection morn,
When Gabriels trump shall sound,
Then you and I will both arise
And dwell with Jesus in the skies.

And you, my children, too are left,
And like your father, are bereft
Of her who oft for you did pray,
That you might walk the narrow way.

You need not mourn without the hope
That I am safe in Jesus' fold;
For he has called me from this world
That I might walk the streets of gold.

Then farewell, husband, and children too,
Oh do not my departure rue,
But watch and pray that we may be
Together in eternity.